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DURING AMBASSADOR ADDOU'S MEETING WITH UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM AUGUST 16 HE LEFT WITH NEWSOM FOR SECRETARY AIDE MEMOIRE. TEXT FOLLOWS: QTE AIDE MEMOIRE

- 1) ON THE OCCASION OF THE REVOLUTIONARY DAY (OCTOBER 21, 1978), PRESIDENT SIYAAD WOULD ANNOUNCE THAT SOMALIA HAS NO TERRITORIAL CLAIM AGAINST ANY OF ITS NEIGHBOURS AND WILL HELP PROVIDE A PEACEFUL POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE OGADEN QUESTION;
- 2) SOMALIA WILL SEEK TO SIGN TREATY OF NON-AGGRESSION, FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WITH KENYA IN WHICH TREATY SECRET

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SOMALIA WILL MAKE CLEAR THAT IT DOES NOT HAVE TERRITORIAL CLAIM TOWARDS KENYA;

3) SOMALIA WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH THE UNITED STATES IN THE POLICY OF ELIMINATING SOVIET AND CUBAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE HORN OF AFRICA, SO THAT SOVIET INFLUENCE IN THE AREA BE PUT TO A MINIMUM;

- 4) TO ENABLE THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT TO HAVE THE POLITICAL STRENGTH TO TAKE THE ABOVE COURAGEOUS ACTS, THE UNITED STATES SHOULD ON ITS PART PROVIDE THE PROMISED DEFENSIVE MILITARY EQUIPMENTS AND GRANT THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT THE NECESSARY POLITICAL BACKING IN ITS PEACE SEEKING ENDEAVOURS WITH ITS NEIGHBOURS. AS A GESTURE OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND REASSURANCE, THE DELAYED U.S. MILITARY SURVEY TEAM SHOULD BE SENT TO SOMALIA AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE;
- 5) THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT IS WILLING TO WELCOME REGULAR PORT CALLS BY U.S. NAVY VESSELS AND PROVIDE THE NECESSARY HOSPITALITY:
- 6) IN THE AFRICAN CONTEXT AS WELL AS INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT IS WILLING TO FULLY COOPERATE WITH THE UNITED STATES AND LEND ITS SUPPORT ON MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE U.S. AS A CLOSE FRIEND;
- 7) THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT IS READY TO HAVE EXPANDED CULTURAL EXCHANGE BETWEEN SOMALIA AND THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING SENDING OF PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS TO SOMALIA.

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